

“ATTENTION TEXAS REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS”

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) is administering the CDBG-DR Program, which is funded by HUD under Public Law 110-320. GLO is responsible for the administration and monitoring of disaster funding allocated to Subrecipients, like the City of Houston in carrying out housing activities. Around February 1, 2013 GLO contracted with the City of Houston (City), Housing and Community Development (HCDD), over \$152,000,000 in CDBG-DR funds to carry out eligible housing activities in the City. The Retail Section of HCDD will receive about \$63,000,000 in CDBG-DR funds for Round II Hurricane Ike. Eligible homeowners that do not desire to reconstruct their existing home have an opportunity to choose the HOMEOWNER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (HOP). This means they can opt to HOP out of the home reconstruct feature associated with these funds and purchase another property in a higher opportunity area. Selected real estate professionals assisting eligible homeowners have an opportunity earn \$1,000 in addition to the seller-paid real estate commission. The additional \$1,000 is processed and paid directly from the GLO.

To support the HOP there is a CALL FOR INTEREST (CFI) to create a Qualified Texas Real Estate Professional Pool to assist eligible families in locating and purchasing a property in a higher opportunity area. Selected Texas Real Estate Professionals must undergo up to 8 hours of Homeowner Opportunity Program (HOP), Housing Quality Standards (HQS) and basic Environmental training in order to participate. The training will be provided by the GLO, a Third-Party Vendor, and/or a Mobility Counselor. Also, see the following link to the GLO website for HOP Real Estate Professional Training: <http://www.glo.texas.gov/GLO/disaster-recovery/training/training-videos.html>

The requirements are as follows:

A Qualified Real Estate Professional must:

- Have an active license as a Real Estate Broker or Salesperson with the Texas Real Estate Commission;
- Be in good standing and not have any disciplinary actions against the licensee from previous dealings;
- Have 2 years of residential real estate experience;
- Belong to a local board of Realtors to have access to the Multiple Listing Service (MLS);
- Be able to show properties in the any assigned geographic areas. The 13 counties in H-GAC's service region are: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton. There are more than 100 member cities in the region.

To apply submit an e-mail with the following information to HOPRealtors@houstontx.gov.

1. Your full name
2. Real estate license number
3. Résumé indicating a minimum of 2 years of residential real estate experience

The City will validate the real estate professional's requirements listed above. A response to your submission may take up to 10 business days. The CFI is for a limited time and may be suspended without notice. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact: The City of Houston at (713) 868-8463 or via e-mail at HOPRealtors@houstontx.gov.